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## A HANDSOME FELLOW

**Is This big Boned, Big Brained  
Mechanical Engineer.**

**HE COMES FROM EMPEROR WIL-  
LIAM'S LAND, AND IS A TEN  
TIME WINNER TAKING  
PRIZES WITH UNPRO-  
NOUNCEABLE  
NAMES.**

**The Scientific Editor Does Himself  
Proud in a Detailed Sketch of  
Prof. Hans Zopke, in Which  
All the German Names  
Are Correctly  
Spelled.**

In the future, looking back at the impetus which Columbian received upon the inauguration of our President Whitman—when Columbian shall have become, as it surely will, one of the leading universities of the United States, attention will always be directed to one of his first official acts—the reorganization of the Department of Mechanical Engineering. This is not a mere idle prediction begotten by an over fertile imagination; it is a prophesy founded on signs as unmistakable as they are gratifying, as certain of existence as they are of success.

The Corcoran scientific school has had, for some time past, civil and electrical engineering courses, but the other member of this now universally recognized all-important trinity of new arts—Mechanical Engineering—has not occupied an important position in the past. President Whitman in his characteristic keen perception of what is timely, what is necessary, and what is sure of success, has reorganized the department of mechanical engineering, a department that bids fair to become a most important and creditable part of the University.

In the establishment of this new chair the University has been remarkably fortunate in calling to the head of the department a gentleman whose record in his profession is unusual to say the least, Professor Hans Zopke.

Professor Zopke whose picture is illustrated on this page, is a man of large frame, striking presence and

handsome countenance. He was born in Berlin in 1866, and for twelve years attended the Luisenstaedtische Realgynasium, in that city, and on graduating at the age of 18 received the gree of "Zeugnis der Reife" (certificate of maturity) which entitled him to admission to the German Universities. He was excused from the oral part of this examination on account of the excellency of his written work, a privilege of no little significance. A very pronounced inclination for engineering induced him to devote himself to this profession, and in order to study closely the practical operations and processes in use in machine works, he spent a year in the locksmith, turning, blacksmith, patternmaking, moulding, foundry

and railways of Prussia, the only State prize of the year 1890, which is a scholarship carrying with it, in the interest of his country, the obligation to undertake a tour of inspection and study in foreign countries.

In 1890 he entered the service of the Prussian government railroads, and was appointed to the position of Koeniglicher Regierungsbaufuehrer; and while in this position he had three months' practical experience as locomotive engineer and then received a full license to run an engine on the government railroads.

From October 1890 to 1891 he performed military duty, and after taking part in the maneuvers of the years 1892 and 1893 he was attached to the reserve of the third regiment

of the Royal Railways at Berlin, and was here entrusted with specifying and ratifying contracts for supplying materials and building locomotives and cars, and also with the direction of the traffic on the Berlin Elevated and Suburban Roads.

In addition to his services with the government railroads, he was also for two years Third Assistant to Prof. Dr. Reuleaux, Royal Privy Counselor; and in October, 1893, after having obtained leave from railway service, he received an appointment in the Berlin Institute of Technology as First Assistant to Prof. Dr. Reuleaux, the greatest German scientist on mechanical engineering, whose reputation is almost as great in this country as in Germany, and whose papers are deemed of such importance as to form part of the scientific publications issued by the Smithsonian Institute. In the capacity as First Assistant to Professor Reuleaux he assisted in the lectures on kinematics and elements of mechanics, and took the place of Professor Reuleaux and lectured for him whenever the latter was absent; and under the direction of Professor Reuleaux and aided by the assistants (ten government engineers) instructed a class of 300 students in construction and designing of mechanical machinery. Besides his government work he participated in the Beuth competition, invited by the German Society of mechanical engineers, requiring the designing of the plans of the whole mechanical and electrical plant for a large hotel to be erected in Berlin. These designs included the detailed drawings of an electrically operated passenger elevator furnished with special electrical safety appliances. Professor Zopke's designs received in 1893 the first prize, on account of which the Secretary of Public Works excused him from the written part of the third state examination, which requires twelve months for its completion. The oral part of the last state examination he passed in the beginning of the year 1894 with the degree "With Distinction," and was appointed by the government a "Koeniglicher Regierungsbaumeister" with a diploma dated back to April 1st, 1893. This was the first and only instance in the Kingdom of Prussia that all three state examinations were passed with the degree of Distinction.



PROFESSOR HANS ZOPKE.

and mounting departments of Royal factories, and in the famous locomotive works of Borsig and of Schwartzkopff in Berlin. After this he attended the Royal institute of Technology and the University in Berlin, studying for four and a half years mechanical and electrical engineering.

In 1888 he passed the first State examination for the Government Railway Service, and in 1890 he passed the second State examination. In both the examinations he received the highest possible degree, "With Distinction," taking higher honors than any of the other government candidates in the kingdom of Prussia, and received on that account from the secretary of public works

of Grenadeir Guards.

After this he became superintendent of a department in the Royal Railway Repair Shops near Berlin for eight months, being especially employed in testing materials and examining new locomotives. He was then granted a year's leave of absence to enter the services of C. Hoppe, of Berlin (the greatest authority in Germany on hydraulic machinery) in the designing department of his machinery establishment, where the hydraulic machinery for the locks of the North Baltic Canal was constructed and built.

Having returned to government service he was employed in the different offices of the Administration

Professor Zopke has travelled a great deal and has studied the industrial districts of Germany, Belgium, and England. He came to the United States in August, 1894, to inspect and study American steam and electric railroading, devoting most of his time to electrical underground systems; and has made an exhaustive report on electric traction in America. Professor Zopke still remains attached during his leave in the United States, to the government railroads at Berlin, his position carries with it the rank of a Captain, and he has been called to Columbian for the purpose of reorganizing and equipping the department of mechanical engineering, as has been already stated.

No one is better fitted for his work at Columbian than Professor Zopke, and in him our learned faculty has met with a most valuable acquisition. Professor Zopke is enthusiastic as to the future of his department, and hints and hopes that great things are in store for the department he has in charge; and if the success of this chair can be measured by what its present occupant has already accomplished in his profession, we can unhesitatingly say that the department of mechanical engineering of Columbian University has an unusually bright future before it.

## THEY ARGUED

### PRO AND CON ON THE SUBJECT OF THE NICARAGUA CANAL:

Washington's Birthday Celebrated By the Law School Debating Society  
—Messrs. Thomas and Gram Carry Off the Honors.

"I am very much gratified that I have had the opportunity of hearing the entertaining and instructive debate presented by these gentlemen tonight." With these kind words of encouragement, Judge Maury an-



JOHN L. THOMAS, JR.

nounced the decision of the committee of judges on the debate of February 22d upon the Nicaragua Canal question that the negative side had won the debate, and first and second honors had been awarded to Messrs.

J. L. Thomas, jr. and H. B. Gram, respectively.

The debate was one of the most successful that has yet been held. When the opening number of the musical program was ended, and Mr. Sparks, the president of the society



HARVEY B. GRAM.

rose, it was to call to order such an audience as would inspire any young debater. There were present many ladies, presumably the wives, and the cousins, and the sisters, and the aunts, and the sweethearts and mothers of the debaters; and many a student in the audience divided his attention between the speakers and some bright eyed girl by his side. The social feature of the debates is proving a great success.

Mr. Sparks spoke as follows: "Ladies and gentlemen, I know it is not for me to occupy much time tonight. I am glad to see such a large audience here and I welcome you as does every member of the society.

"This day is one of the grandest in our history—a day which fills every breast with patriotic enthusiasm. Looking back over a period of 164 years to the birth of Washington, we behold with pride the progress of a people that has not been equalled in the history of the world. Daniel Webster said, 'America has furnished to the world the character of Washington. And if our American institutions had done nothing else, that alone would have entitled them to the respect of mankind.'

"The occasion which brings us together is the meeting of six gentlemen in debate, who have been selected by their fellow classmates because of their recognized ability and fitness. The greatest victories of the past, which have given man the liberty and freedom he now enjoys have been won by the champions in the arena of debate. Greater still are the victories to be won in the future for mankind, and perhaps by those in our presence." Then after instructing the judges as to the purposes of the debate, the president introduced the first speaker, Mr. Walter H. Gray of Maryland.

Mr. Gray's speech showed that he had made thorough, careful study of

his subject. After giving the introductory description of the history and location of the canal that his position as first speaker made necessary, Mr. Gray spoke about as follows:

"The reports of well known engineers prove that the cost of the canal would be moderate. All the United States government need do is to guarantee the bonds of the company. He then showed the commercial and other advantages that would come to this country if it had control of the canal, and the dangers of foreign control.

He dwelt upon the military advantages to the United States, and in conclusion showed that every executive from the time of President Madison, and all political parties, have favored the project."

Mr. Thos N. Greer, of Tennessee was the second speaker. Mr. Greer has an easy manner, is wholly unembarrassed, and speaks with remarkable readiness and fluency. Mr. Greer devoted considerable time to the discussion of the question whether the government had the constitutional authority to do what was proposed, arguing that it had no such authority. The remainder of his time was spent in showing how unwise it is for the government to engage in such undertakings, whether there be the constitutional power or not. And he characterized as utterly foolish the urging of such a measure, while the United States Treasury is in its present condition.

The subject would have been thought a very dry one from the frequency with which the debaters sought refreshment in the water pitcher, but the audience testified by their applause that they did not find it so. The judges were so well pleased with speech of the next debater Mr. Harvey B. Gram, that they awarded to him one of the two places of honor.

Mr. Gram's introduction was graceful and effective. "A little more than four hundred years ago, there sailed from a small seaport town in Spain, a band of men, whose leader, believing the world to be round, determined to discover a short route to the Orient. Many years after the discovery of the New World by Columbus, the search continued for a short Western route to the Indies." And this dream of Columbus is now to be realized by the construction of the Nicaragua canal."

We can give only a brief summary of Mr. Gram's argument. The failure of the Panama canal cannot be urged against the Nicaragua canal project; noted engineers who predicted the failure of the former, are agreed as to

the perfect feasibility of the latter. The argument of the opposition against entangling alliances, has no weight whatever. With regard to the Clayton-Bulwer treaty he said: "Our friends contend we cannot build this canal without violating the Clayton-Bulwer treaty of 1850. We beg to show that it has no recognized binding force according to the rules of international law." Mr. Gram then proceeded to a thorough discussion of the conditions that led to the making of the treaty, and the subsequent events which, in his judgement, justify this country in disregarding it. "By the first article of that treaty, neither government was to 'colonize or assume or exercise any dominion over Nicaragua, Costa Rica, the Mosquito coast, or any part of Central America. \* \* \* The effect of the treaty, as interpreted by the United States, was the relinquishment of all British dominion over this territory. \* \* In direct violation of the treaty, Great Britain refused to release any dominion, and more than that has changed the *settlement* of Belize into an organized colony and extended its boundaries." The speaker quoted the opinions of American statesmen to the effect that the treaty should be disregarded.

Mr. Gram then turned to the constitutional question, contending that the government can find its authority in Article I, Section VIII, which gives Congress the power to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states. In closing, the speaker described the present condition of affairs, and dwelt on the advantages the states of the Union would receive from the building of the canal.

"I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know of no way of judging the future but by the past." The words of the Virginia patriot were the appropriate quotation with which Mr. Francis Nye began his speech. And from the lessons of experience he proceeded to make out a very damaging case against the proposition under discussion. The reports show that there was expended upon the Suez canal, three times its estimated cost, that the Panama Canal expenditures have already far exceeded the entire cost as originally estimated, the same thing is true of the Sault Ste. Marie, and other canals. In the light of these facts it seems certain that the cost of Nicaragua canal is greatly underestimated.

Reports were quoted to show how great would be the cost of maintaining the canal after construction, the



locks to be kept in order, harbors to be dredged and lighted, and rivers to be controlled. The speaker laid great stress on the difficulty of controlling the rivers which form part of the canal because of the immense rainfall in that region during the wet season. The earthquakes and volcanoes, too, would cause much trouble. Figures and authorities were given to show that the ship tolls of the canal could not be made less or even the same as those charged by the Suez Canal Co., because there will be less tonnage passing through, the canal will cost more money in building and more money for repair.

"My remarks have heretofore been directed to the practicability of the canal enterprise. Now I want to call your particular attention to the question. The question under debate is: 'Resolved, that the United States should take *immediate* action toward the construction and control of the Nicaragua Canal!'"

Mr. Nye then proceeded to give reasons why immediate action is inadvisable. The purchase by this government of \$70,000,000 of the bonds is in direct violation of the charter of the company; and it would seem that if the government is to buy up the bonds at all, it had better take entire control of the canal. Hence immediate action is unwise. The Venezuelan controversy had better be settled before we become embroiled with England over the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, which, though the affirmative claim is of no force, has never been formally abrogated. For this reason immediate action should not be taken. The necessity for another bond issue by the United States, which would be required in order to buy these bonds is another reason. Mr. Nye closed with a parody depicting the unpopularity of bond issues that was heartily applauded.

Mr. Nye spoke in plain, clear, forcible language and with an earnestness that was convincing. He made one of the best speeches of the evening.

The closing speaker for the affirmative, was Mr. Cousar. His friends expected him to give a good account of himself and they were not disappointed. The following is a synopsis of his speech.

The commercial world demands that this natural barrier to the world's progress be removed. It is demonstrated to the satisfaction of intelligent men that the work is entirely feasible, for the engineering world agrees almost unanimously that the canal can be dug, and at a reasonable cost. The highest estimate of cost

yet made is \$134,000,000. Assuming that as much commerce will plow through this canal annually as through the Suez canal, and this latter proposition is not denied, the toll will pay the interest on the bonds, meet expenses for repairs, and management, and still leave a large sum to apply to the principal, thereby discharging the entire debt in a short time. It will be a paying investment instead of an expense to our government.

Congress can, by one of the expressed powers of the constitution, appropriate money for this work. Certainly the best means of carrying out an expressed power of the constitution, is not prohibited. To facilitate our foreign trade is the object, and if this can best be done by constructing a canal, certainly congress has the constitutional power to have it done. The end, and not the means is to be sought.

The canal will render invaluable service to the United States government, not only as a commercial waterway, but as a means of developing our country, and of strengthening our naval and military power.

The last speaker in the contest Mr. J. L. Thomas, jr., of Missouri, won first place. In manner he was self-possessed and confident; he had the air of an experienced debater. When it came his time to speak, he plunged immediately into the discussion of the subject, wasting no energy upon introductory remarks of an ornamental nature.

The government of the United States should not construct, and control the Nicaragua canal for many reasons, among which the following were, he stated, some of the most important: First, Congress has no constitutional power to appropriate public money for its construction. Second, We cannot afford to pay the consideration demanded by the governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica for the right of way. For, by the treaty, the United States makes an absolute and unlimited engagement to defend the territorial integrity of the states through which the canal is to be built. This would be an entangling alliance.

Third, the commerce tributary to the canal would not pay interest on the amount required to construct the canal, the expenses of maintenance and operation.

The canal would be a greater benefit to Europe than to the United States. There is the same argument to be urged against government control of the canal, as against government control of railroad and telegraph lines.

It would put too much patronage at the disposal of the Federal Administration.

This large sum of money had much better be spent within the United States—upon coast defences, building up a navy, bringing lands under cultivation, or some such enterprises as these, where the people of this country would get the benefit, and the money paid out would go to our laborers, instead of the Negroes, Indians and Half-Breeds of Central America. And finally, it is not certain that a canal can be constructed across the Isthmus, in a land forever disturbed by earthquakes and volcanoes.

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JOHN M. HARLAN,

Associate Justice of the Supreme  
Court.

### SOONER OR LATER.

THE proposition to hold a general commencement is still being discussed in the different departments and finds plenty of support among those students who argue the proposal from a broad gauge standpoint. Some of the smaller departments have representatives who have advanced the idea with some force, that their department because of its smaller enrollment, would be unnoticed in the greater showing made by the larger classes. The argument will hardly bear following. The smaller schools would have just as many friends present at a general commencement as they would when the schools graduate separately. The same amount of attention would be given them. At commencements none of the graduates take an active part in the exercises. The rule is to get a man of well known repute to deliver an address, and this with music and the presentation of diplomas form the order of exercises. Again if

those in authority had the power to say to a noted man, we want you to address a mammoth concourse of people that are to meet in the largest hall in the city of Washington to duly honor the graduation of students from all departments of the University, he would be far more impressed with the event as to its size, scope, etc., than if it was stated that he was expected to address the people who attended the commencement exercises of one of the professional schools of the institution.

Sooner or later this scheme will commend itself to the sober, second thought of Columbian's rank and file.

### LET THERE BE LIGHT.

SOME one has said that the man of the next few centuries will be hairless and earless, and be compelled to wear magnifying lenses to see objects at an ordinary distance. The increase of the area of baldness would seem to give some basis for the first proposition; if we line up with Dr. Shute, the dean of the Medical school, the second is possible, and an examination of the lighting of the class-room and laboratory departments would certainly convince us that Columbian University is doing her share toward making the powerful lenses necessary. We can do without hair—some of us demonstrating that, the outer ear is not always a thing of beauty, in cold weather it is a nuisance, but the philosopher has not come who would advise doing away with the sight. As strong and healthy eyesight is of greater demand in every vocation in life, the duty of all institutions should be to protect it at whatever cost.

Watch a number of school children pass and note the number that wear eyeglasses. Opticians tell us that no evil is growing so fast with humanity as defective vision, produced in most cases by straining the organs in the tender years, or compelling a child to work by a light that is harsh and variable. If higher civilization is to be secured at the expense of an excited nervous condition, a weak body and impaired eyesight, we had better drift back to the days of raw meat and the bow and arrow. In that stage man could distinguish the object on the horizon, his nerves were so steady that he could burn at the stake without a whimper, and his eyes so strong that he could watch the burning ball in the heavens with unwavering stare. Today he pities the barbarous natures that reveled in those times, and after he has finished an article that pictures our advance,

he takes an opiate to secure sleep, and the next morning hands his optician a bill of good denomination and tells him that the lenses must be stronger than the ones he has been wearing.

The scientific students are protesting as to the light furnished them to work by. They hold that it is not the best that can be secured for their labors, and ask in a most respectful manner, that a better illuminating agent be placed at their disposal. Is the request unreasonable?

### The Ballad of the Rabbit's Foot.

If you would prosper every day,  
Of winning gain the habit,  
You must secure, in curious way,  
The hind foot of a rabbit,

An ebon coon, in dark of moon,  
On murderer's grave must stab it,  
At midnight seize the precious boon,  
The left hind foot of a rabbit.

When evils bide, you turn aside,  
When good, you safely grab it;  
Such virtues in that hoof reside,  
The hind foot of a rabbit.

If you would be from sorrow  
free,  
The secret, do not blab it,  
To no one, of what'er degree  
Reveal the mystic rabbit.

L'envoi.

And should to thee these verses be  
Too hare-rowing or vapid,  
Forgiving be and don't blame me  
Nor grow morose nor rabid.

H. W. W.

### THE OMAR CLUB.

#### Rumors of a New University Society.

During the last week rumors of a new social club soon to be organized in the University have been rife in different circles. The club is to be known as the "Omar Club," and its principles and ideas are regarded as quite broad. Connected with its social side will be a literary department and it is said that a monthly booklet, known as "The Omar," will be published. This will be a periodical of protest and its object will be mainly the correction of a number of evils that are apparent in the University and the effusion of some College spirit in the students. The promoters of the society are not known.

### THE COLUMBIAN REVIEW.

First Number Expected About  
Middle of April.

Work has been steadily going on with the subscriptions for the *Review* during the last month and it is expected that enough will be secured during the next month to guarantee the publication of the magazine.

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### UNIVERSITY HUMOR

Justice Cox is responsible for the following.

In a certain case the attorneys had been hard at work securing a jury. After getting the required number, it was asked that a certain jurymen be excused.

"Why?" queried the court.

"The man says he has a very bad case of itch, your Honor," answered the attorney.

"Very well" responded the judge, "scratch him off, Mr. Clerk."

### MY DAISY.

Her eyes don't shine like diamonds,  
And she wears no diamond ring,  
The winds don't tell her of my love,  
For her the birds don't sing.  
The dell's own daisies do not know  
How she in hearts doth dwell,  
Nor will a bunch of lilacs sweet  
My story to her tell.  
For she no wealthy creature is,  
No human young and fair;  
Yes she, my precious bicycle,  
Is now my only care.

V. J. C.

### Law Notes.

A. S. Dalton has been transferred from the Record and Pension Office on 10th street to the main building of the War, State and Navy Department. He has been assigned special work in stenography.

The revision of Bump on Fraudulent Conveyances by J. M. Gray '94, is now on the presses, and will be in the booksellers' hands by April 1st. It is highly spoken of and Mr. Gray has exhibited in his work the thoroughness and judgement that marked him in his school work.



## University News.

### Academy.

Last Friday Prof. Wilbur spoke on our National Hero. It was a pity, he said, we could not have a more different celebration of the 22nd, but it was almost impossible, but he could promise one for next year.

Chas. T. Cabrera has been elected captain of the Track Athletic Association. This is the first time such an event has happened in the history of the "Prep" and we feel justly proud. Under his management with the advantages offered and the large field to select from, success is assured. *Get a subscription blank! The smallest amount will suffice.*

The Academy alone has sent in many hundred votes for the lathe. Especial credit is due to Larrie Burgdorf who himself raised two hundred votes.

The faculty has abandoned the title of *professor*. Hereafter it shall be plain Mr. Pyne, Mr. Hodgkins, etc.

There is considerable talk as to getting up a sort of general sporting association to include everything from chess to fencing and baseball. Such an association should flourish owing to its broad scope, with every body given a chance.

Although our professors may be gifted with extraordinary memory, yet when a *whole class* prepares on a lesson assigned and then is informed that, despite their marking the lesson and commenting on it when given out, they have not studied far enough, the chances are ten to one that the professor is wrong. The *students*, as a whole, are apt to be right on lesson assignments and in cases where they are right it should be manfully admitted.

Last Friday it was a matter of discussion as to which was the better, that symposium victualarium lunch or the symposium pulchrum girls. It was finally decided in favor of the other.

L. Greenlaw was detained through illness several days. C. H. Holmead also was kept at home, as well as some others.

Cabrera's stolen wheel has not yet been recovered. This is ample warning to wheel owners who are following the old custom.

It is absolutely necessary that all subscriptions due the CALL should be turned in by this time next month. Have you paid up?

### Dental Dots.

Dr. James L. Whiteside has quite successful in treating a very bad case of Antrum disease, using for the purposes of injection "Meditrina or Electrozone."

Mr. E. M. Carter of the junior dental class is distinguishing himself by his brilliant answers on the public quizzes in Anatomy. He recently surprised his friends and classmates by his promptness and the fullness of his answers. Keep it up Emmett!

The various dental classes extend their warmest congratulations to Dr. Hagan, their able and genial demonstrator, upon his recent appointment to the professorship of Oral Surgery in the Dental Faculty. Dr. Hagan is admirably equipped for his new field of labors having enjoyed excellent opportunities for practical application of his extensive knowledge in dental surgery. His latest triumph being the successful treatment of a case of a badly fractured lower jaw of a patient who was taken to the Emergency Hospital for a surgical operation. Dr. Hagan will begin his course of lectures with the opening of session of 1896-1897.

The dental infirmary has been considerably overhauled and is looking fresh and inviting. Each student should take a special pride in trying to keep it in that condition. A neat and cleanly appearance impresses the patients favorably, besides individual effort is salutary and like virtue, will bring its own reward.

The dental classes were visited by Mr. Hendrick, the able and enterprising business manager of the CALL. His mission was partly social, but especially to represent to the classes the urgent need of more funds to carry on the work of one of the brightest of College Journals. Dentals in arrears can hand their subscriptions to the dental editor. Those not receiving the CALL regularly should promptly report the fact to the dental editor.

### GOLDEN CLEANINGS FROM THE LECTURES.

1. Don't burn your gold in annealing it.
  2. Don't use unclean instruments for holding and carrying gold to cavity.
  3. Don't mallet the life out of the gold and thereby break up the molecular arrangement of the atoms and destroy its cohesion.
  4. Don't fail to condense it till it is as hard as a rock.
  5. Don't fail to condense well around the edges of the cavity as you proceed.
- "By all means fill your cavities with brains."

### Medical Notes.

There's a hill in medical glee,  
And a feeling of pures all,  
For the "invitations" have come,  
And all are obliged to call.

Third year men are being kept busy with Pathology, having six hours a week of it.

Dr. King has purchased a new manikin, which make its first appearance to the senior class on Friday, the 21st instant.

Dr. J. Ford Thonipson has completed his clinical course at Garfield Hospital.

One of our professors lapsed into French the other night with the ease and grace of a linguistic adept. The surprise, delight and enthusiasm thereby engendered in the medical hearts was demonstrated by suitable applause.

The elderly gentleman who occasionally dropped in to listen to lectures appears to have discontinued his visits.

We do not see very much of our friend, Mr. Morgan, nowadays.

Doctor Shute is going over a portion of his last year's lectures, which fact is much appreciated by the second year students.

It is to be supposed that we all had a gay and festive time on the 22nd instant, as there were no lectures that night.

All those who have not paid their class dues had better be coming to the front. The sooner the better.

Doctor Shute delivered his second Friday lecture at the 15th & H Sts., building on the 21st instant, at 4:30 p. m. The subject was "Heredity with Variations," and the Doctor handled it in his usual able, thoughtful, and masterful way.

### College.

The coming election in the Enosinian, Friday, promises to be of great interest.

The C. T. M. Dramatic Club will hold a rehearsal in the Chapel on the 3rd of March. They are preparing the play Tulu, which will be presented in the near future. The Club is managed by Mr. W. K. Ward.

Mr. Broadus has been absent from College nearly all the last week, on two very interesting trips. In the earlier part of the week he was in Baltimore, where he visited the Johns Hopkins University. Thursday he left for Fredericksburg, Va., to attend the annual meeting of the Virginia Historical Association. He expects to return Monday.

The third of Prof. Shute's lectures on "Evolution" was presented to a magnificent audience on Friday, in the University Hall. Prof. Shute took as his subject "Organic Evolution" and made a masterly address.

Mr. W. K. Ward, the manager of Track Athletic Team, left for New York Friday, with Mr. Douglas, of Georgetown College. Mr. Ward goes to try and secure entrance in the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association.

A most interesting lecture was given Wednesday before the junior class on "Philosophy" by Dr. Farquhar, on "Plato."

The second rehearsal of the Latin chorus of the "Symposium of Languages," was held at the residence of Mr. Rose the leader, on last Monday. The next rehearsal will be held at Miss Morrison's on Wednesday.

The next lecture in the series of Public lectures will be given by Prof. Schoenfeld, on March 4. His subject will be "Poland at the time of its dismemberment."

## Society Doings.

### Hermesian.

Last Friday the question, resolved, "That France is more fond of glory than of liberty," was discussed *pro* by C. H. Holmead and M. F. Lanza, *con* Messrs. F. N. Everett and Wallace Richie. The affirmative was successful, Mr. Holmead receiving highest mark. Nothing else in particular was done. There never is; the whole meeting was characterized by disorderliness of the most boyish and grossest kind, members taking absolutely no regard whatever of parliamentary order, or rights of the debaters. Interruptions, mingled with throwing of chalk, etc., were frequent, without a single fine or attempt to preserve order by the presiding officer. There *are* in the society two or three fellows desirous of having a good society, of enforcing their own constitution and parliamentary rules and of respecting the name Hermesian. If members feel like cutting up why on earth do they choose the time and place for doing so just when they are supposed to preserve decorum and keep up some show of politeness and formality? Two or three did think there was some intention of earnestness in the society and of thoroughly fair dealings from the executive committee down. We state this for the benefit of certain gentlemen, with the hope of an early change. The Academy editor alone is responsible for this article and stands ready to vouch for the truth of the statements.

**JEW RUSALEM!**

Doctor Morgan asked a riddle,  
Which may have been old to some,  
But which fitted in quite nicely  
In his talks on opium.

What's the difference, he questioned,  
'Twixt the Abraham of yore,  
And laudanum, which we purchase  
O'er the counter, at the store?

Then the students fell to guessing  
What the difference might be,  
And those who knew the answer  
Tried to make the others see.

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But the doctor smiled a smile,  
And he only shook his head;  
Though before he closed his lecture,  
He, in suostance, gently said:

*Juice of the poppy*, recollect,  
Is the laudanum that's used  
By physicians in their practice,  
Or by laity abused.

*Poppy of the Jews*, remember,  
was the Abraham of yore.  
And he left the students gasping,  
As he softly closed the door.

C. NORMAN HOWARD.

Park which has been secured for the  
season. With this change, the in-  
terest of the players will be awakened  
and much progress is expected. No  
new applicants have been reported  
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March 28, Maryland Agricultural College, at College Park, Md; March 30, Lafayette at Washington; April 3, Vermont in Washington; April 6, Lehigh in Washington; April 7, Johns Hopkins in Baltimore; April 10, Johns Hopkins in Washington; April 13, Randolph Macon at Ashland; April 14, Richmond College at Richmond; April 15, Virginia at Charlottesville; April 17, Hobart in Washington; April 23, Staunton in Staunton Va; April 24, Washington and Lee in Lexington; April 25, Virginia Military Institute in Lexington; May 2, U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

An entertainment will soon be given by the Base Ball Association, for its benefit. Watch out for it.

The result of the big fight of last week was very gratifying to a large number of Columbian "sports," while Maher had many friends in the University, those of Bob's far outnumbered them, so nearly everybody was complimenting the big Cornishman.

There are a number of excellent tennis players in the University. What about organizing several clubs and holding a tournament?

It is rumored that Mahoney will not pitch for Georgetown this year. If this is true, won't we have some pudding. Just watch the Orange and Blue.

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